

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF A PRE-RECORDED
VIDEO PROGRAM TO A VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDER

5 ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A method of transfer of a pre-recorded video program.
Specifically, one embodiment of the present invention discloses
a method for the automatic transfer of a pre-recorded video
program from a digital video recorder (DVR) to a video cassette
10 recorder (VCR). A user selects a pre-recorded video program
and assigns an associated transfer period that includes a
transfer date, record start time, and a record stop time. The
associated transfer period associated with a selected pre-
recorded program is entered as a record in a list of transfer
15 records on the DVR. At the appointed associated transfer
period, the DVR automatically sends a command to power on a
remotely coupled VCR and begin recording. The DVR then
transfers the selected video program to the VCR. The DVR can
recognize timing conflicts between two transfer records and
20 prompts a user to edit one of the conflicting records to avoid
the timing conflict.